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REPORT OF THE DRAFTING GROUP TO THE PLENARY

Role of the United Nations Development Programme in the implementation of the United Nations New Agenda for the Development of Africa in the 1990s

The Governing Council,

Recalling the United Nations New Agenda for the Development of Africa in the 1990s adopted by the General Assembly in its resolution 46/151 of 18 December 1991,

Also recalling its decision 92/19 of 26 May 1992 on the New Agenda for the Development of Africa in the 1990s,

Noting efforts of the African countries to achieve political, economic and social reforms and the need to sustain, widen and deepen such efforts,

Concerned that the implementation of the United Nations New Agenda for the Development of Africa in the 1990s since its adoption may not be fulfilling expectations despite recent positive steps taken by the Secretary-General and the Administrator,

Noting the decline of United Nations Development Programme core resources, about half of which support African programmes, at a time when net resource flows to the region are declining,

1. Takes note of the report of the Administrator on the development situation in Africa and the proposals contained therein (DP/1993/17);

2. Requests the Administrator to contribute fully to the implementation of the United Nations New Agenda for the Development of Africa in the 1990s and in this context to strengthen coordination with the whole United Nations system, particularly with the Office of Special Coordinator for Africa and Least Developed Countries;

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3. Calls upon African countries to pursue vigorously their responsibility and commitment under the New Agenda to achieve sustained and sustainable growth and development, to promote cooperation and regional and subregional integration, to intensify the process of democratization, to encourage investment and to integrate population issues into the development process;

4. Also calls upon the international community to assist African countries in their efforts to achieve accelerated growth and human-centred development on a sustainable basis through seeking to find durable solutions to the African debt crisis, providing adequate resource flows, diversification of African economies, enhanced market access, and support of African regional integration;

5. Renews its appeal to the international community to consider increasing contributions to the United Nations Development Programme to cover the projected shortfall in resources available in the fifth programming cycle, taking into account the needs of Africa;

6. Appreciates the support of the United Nations Development Programme for the democratization processes in the region, for humanitarian assistance and in tackling the development implications of the HIV/AIDS pandemic;

7. Notes with satisfaction the operationalization of the National Long-Term Perspective Studies and the African Capacity-Building Initiative and encourages the United Nations Development Programme to focus these programmes so that they may contribute to a much needed holistic and coordinated approach to development;

8. Welcomes the decision of the Government of Japan to host the International Conference for the Development of Africa in October 1993 and encourages the participation and support of the international community;

9. Welcomes also the establishment of Capacity 21 and calls upon the Administrator to continue the efforts with African Governments and institutions at national and regional levels to implement Agenda 21, inter alia, in the context of the elaboration of the International Convention on Drought and Desertification, as appropriate;

10. Requests the Administrator to work closely with the Department of Humanitarian Affairs and to participate actively in the Department's inter-agency coordination mechanisms to ensure effective and coordinated international response to emergency situations in Africa and to encourage the rapid move from emergencies to rehabilitation and sustainable development;

11. Requests the United Nations Development Programme to continue to support regional and subregional cooperation and integration in Africa with the view to enhancing the efficiency and relevance of the institutions established to that effect;

12. Further requests the Administrator to report to the Governing Council at its forty-first session (1994) on the overall activities of the United Nations Development Programme in Africa and on the implementation of the present decision and to consider at that session the frequency of future reports.